efficiency due to flexibility of operations available to the management. The benefits on account of corporatisation of Major Ports would, to a great extent, depend on response of the private sector.

Amount allocated to NMFDC

2468. SHRI MOHD. AZAM KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount given to the National Minority Finance and Development Corporation during the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000, year-wise;

(b) the amount spent by the Corporation during the said period; and

(c) the details of the item on which the amount ,was spent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) (a) Rs. 32 crores and Rs. 20 crores were sanctioned by the Central Government as share capital to the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) during 1998-99 and 1999-2000 respectively.

(b) and (c) Amounts provided to the state Channelizing Agencies and Non-Government Organizations by the Corporation during the said period, item-wise, are given below:

Item	Amount spent (Rs. lakh)	
	1998-99	1999-2000
(i) Programme of lending through State Channelizing Agencies	5938.99	6077.85
(ii) Micro financing scheme	38.17	39.23
(iii) Programme for stabilization and promotion of Self Help Groups	4.90	13.17